

REMARKS

Claim 10 stands objected to due to certain indicated informalities. Applicants have attempted to address each of the stated informalities. Particularly, the Office Action indicates that the word "Can" in line 10 of claim 10 should be changed to "can". Applicants have reviewed claim 10, but cannot find this error. However, the objection to a later line in the claim indicating that "ares" should be changed to "areas" has been addressed by Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 14-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's statements, and have attempted to address each of the Examiner's concerns.

Particularly, the term "photopolymer" in claims 14, 16, and 19 has been replaced with "polymer", "host matrix", and "medium", respectively, to better indicate the feature that is being further defined by these claims. Additionally, claim 14 has been amended to define more clearly that the host matrix "further includes" the features defined therein to be more consistent with claim 10, which defines the host matrix as also having a dye, for example.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-19 as amended clearly define pre-existing aspects of their respective inventions, including the features of the monomer and polymer, and are thus definite. Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 10-24 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Again, Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's concerns and have attempted to address each of them in this response.

Particularly, as to point (a) of paragraph 7 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended the preamble of claim 10 to define at least "a medium having been selectively written by radiation at a writing time, the medium before writing comprising...", using language suggested by the Examiner (except for inclusion of the

term "comprising"). Applicants have also amended lines 15 and 31 of claim 10 to remove the words "will" and "there comes to exist" respectively, thus more clearly indicating that the events defined therein occur during the transition from an unwritten medium to the written medium that is claimed. If, upon review of the claim, the Examiner believes that claim 10 would be clearer if these transitional steps were instead defined in past tense, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney to request this change.

Amended claim 10 is believed to define clearly that the overall medium as claimed is in a state after the writing time. Applicants are aware that claims directed to the recorded medium have been elected at this time for prosecution; however, Applicants reserve the right to timely file divisional applications directed to other aspects of the invention.

As to point (b), Applicants have amended claim 10 as suggested by the Examiner, except that the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" has been replaced with "comprising". Applicants believe that point (b) has thus been sufficiently addressed.

As to point (c), the phrase beginning with "that is" and ending with "molecules of polymer" has been deleted, as Applicants do not believe this additional language is necessary to clarify the claim or to define over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants submit that point (c) has been sufficiently addressed as well.

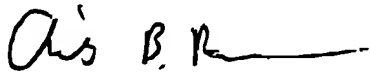
A number of claims have also been amended to clarify preexisting aspects of the present invention. Applicants believe that these additional amendments further improve the clarity of the claims.

As all of the Examiner's concerns regarding definiteness of the claims are believed to have been addressed by the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should call Applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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